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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS CRITICS CRIMP CHILEAN DEVELOPMENT

REF: SANTIAGO 4466

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL REPORTEDLY TOLD A GROUP OF MILITARY ENGINEERS ON JUNE 30 THAT THERE ARE "STRANGE FORCES" WHICH "IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TRY TO PREVENT US FROM BEING ABLE TO BUY ARMAMENTS AT THE SAME TIME THEY FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF ARMS BY TERRORISTS AND BY POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES." CARVAJAL TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THANKS TO THE SECURITY FORCES, CHILE WAS A SANCTUARY IN A WORLD OF VIOLENCE, BUT THAT "EXTREMISTS" WERE TRYING TO IMPEDE CHILE'S DEVELOPMENT.

2. CARVAJAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT "STRANGE FORCES HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH CONDEMNATORY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD THEY AIM AT BLOCKADING OUR IMPORTS, WEAKENING OUR CREDIT RATINGS AND RESTRICTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT." HE EXPRESSED HOWP THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD COME TO UNDERSTAND CHILEAN REALITY THROUGH SUCH OPPORTUNITIES AS THE JUST CONCLUDED OAS MEETING WHICH PERMITTED FOREIGNERS TO SEE CHILE FIRST-HAND.

3. COMMENT: THE THRUST OF CARVAJAL'S REMARKS WAS REMINISCENT OF HIS IMPASSIONED DEFENSE OF THE CHILEAN POSITION MADE TO
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EMBASSY OFFICERS, REPORTED IN REFTTEL. THE SPEECH TO THE ARMY

ENGINEERS MARKS THE FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THAT
CARVAJAL APPEARED TO LUMP US TOGETHER WITH THOSE SUPPLYING WEAPONS
TO TERRORISTS.
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